

1 What is claimed is:

2 1. To enhance the effectiveness of a computer monitor of  
3 the type having a pair of primary surfaces, including a front  
4 surface and a rear surface, a pair of opposite side surfaces, a  
5 top surface and a bottom surface, a monitor utility assembly  
6 comprising:

7 a universal mount base structured and disposed to be  
8 securely attached to the monitor,

9 a generally rigid top panel,

10 an upper mount assembly structured and disposed to secure  
11 said top panel to said mount base, in overlying relation atop  
12 the monitor,

13 said upper mount assembly being further structured to  
14 overhang said top panel beyond the front surface of the monitor  
15 in order to selectively shade and screen a screen on the front  
16 surface of the monitor from light and glare,

17 a utility console, said utility console disposed between  
18 said universal mount base and said upper mount assembly;

19 said utility console including a front surface accessible  
20 by a user; and

21 said top panel including a lip disposed at least on a front  
22 edge thereof, said lip being structured and disposed to retain  
23 at least one article placed on said top panel.

24 2. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 1

25 wherein said utility console includes a speaker

- 1 assembly.
- 2 3. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 1  
3 wherein said utility console includes a USB processor  
4 and at least one USB port externally accessible by the  
5 user, said USB processor being communicatively  
6 associated with a computer processor assembly  
7 associated with the monitor.
- 8 4. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 1  
9 wherein said utility console includes a transceiver  
10 disposed therein, said transceiver operatively  
11 associated with a corresponding peripheral device.
- 12 5. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 4  
13 wherein said peripheral device includes a wireless  
14 headset.
- 15 6. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 5  
16 wherein said wireless headset includes a microphone.
- 17 7. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 5  
18 wherein said wireless headset includes a speaker.
- 19 8. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 1  
20 wherein said utility console includes a camera  
21 assembly, a lens of said camera assembly exposed via  
22 said front surface.
- 23 9. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 1  
24 wherein said utility console is at least partially  
25 removable.

- 1           10. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 9  
2           wherein said utility console includes a storage  
3           compartment.
- 4           11. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 1  
5           wherein said universal mount base is structured to be  
6           at least partially secured at the top surface of the  
7           monitor.
- 8           12. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 11  
9           wherein said universal mount base includes a  
10          cantilever bracket structured to engage one of said  
11          primary surfaces of a thin monitor so as help maintain  
12          engagement therebetween.
- 13          13. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 1  
14          further comprising a secondary support panel, said  
15          secondary support panel structured to be disposed in  
16          spaced apart relation above said top panel so as to  
17          support an article thereon.
- 18          14. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 13  
19          wherein said secondary support panel is removably  
20          secured to said top panel.
- 21          15. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 13  
22          wherein said top panel and said secondary support  
23          panel are removably secured with one another by a  
24          track assembly.
- 25          16. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 15

- 1                wherein said track assembly is at least partially  
2                disposed on an underside of said top panel.
- 3                17. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 1  
4                further comprising a pair of generally rigid side  
5                panels, said side panels structured and disposed to at  
6                least partially shield a side of the screen of the  
7                monitor.
- 8                18. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 17  
9                further comprising an adjustable side mount assembly  
10               structured and disposed to provide forward and  
11               backward, slided movement of said side panels such  
12               that said side panels selectively extend beyond the  
13               front surface of the monitor.
- 14               19. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 17  
15               further comprising an illumination assembly  
16               operatively secured to at least one of said side  
17               panels.
- 18               20. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 17  
19               further comprising a utility compartment defined on at  
20               least one of said side panels.
- 21               21. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 20  
22               wherein said utility compartment includes a cover  
23               assembly structured to at least temporarily enclose an  
24               interior of said utility compartment.
- 25               22. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 21

- 1 further including a lock assembly structured to secure
- 2 said cover assembly in a closed orientation on said
- 3 utility compartment.
- 4 23. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 20
- 5 wherein said utility compartment includes a PDA
- 6 interface port disposed therein, said PDA port
- 7 structured to receive a PDA communicatively associated
- 8 therewith.
- 9 24. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 23
- 10 wherein said PDA interface port is communicatively
- 11 associated with a computer processor assembly
- 12 associated with the monitor.
- 13 25. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 20
- 14 wherein said utility compartment includes a peripheral
- 15 interface communicatively associated with a computer
- 16 processor assembly associated with the monitor and
- 17 structured to receive a peripheral device
- 18 communicatively associated therewith.
- 19 26. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 20
- 20 wherein said utility compartment includes a storage
- 21 assembly.
- 22 27. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 20
- 23 wherein said utility compartment includes a plurality
- 24 of adjustable panels defined therein, each of said
- 25 panels structured to receive a utility item

functionally secured thereto.

28. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 1 further including at least one adjustably positionable page holder assembly, said page holder assembly including a holder panel and being structured and disposed to be moveable between a retracted position, wherein said holder panel extends along the side surface of the monitor, and an operative position, wherein said holder panel is operatively suspended generally adjacent the front surface of the monitor such that an article supportably disposed on said holder panel is easily viewable by a user viewing the front surface of the monitor.

29. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 28 Further comprising an illumination assembly operatively secured to said page holder assembly.

30. To enhance the effectiveness of a computer monitor of the type having a pair of primary surfaces, including a front surface and a rear surface, a pair of opposite side surfaces, a top surface and a bottom surface, a monitor utility assembly comprising:

a universal mount base structured and disposed to be securely attached to the monitor,

said universal utility console, said utility console secured to said

1           said utility console including a front surface accessible  
2       by a user;

3           a pair of generally rigid side panels, said side panels  
4       structured and disposed to at least partially shield a side of  
5       a screen of the monitor; and

6           an adjustable side mount assembly structured and disposed  
7       to provide forward and backward, slided movement of said side  
8       panels such that said side panels selectively extend beyond the  
9       front surface of the monitor.

10           31. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 30  
11           wherein said side mount assembly is structured to vary  
12           a spacing between said side panels so as to  
13           accommodate monitors of varying widths.

14           32. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 31  
15           wherein said utility console includes a speaker  
16           assembly.

17           33. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 31  
18           wherein said utility console includes a USB processor  
19           and at least one USB port externally accessible by the  
20           user, said USB processor being communicatively  
21           associated with a computer processor assembly  
22           associated with the monitor.

23           34. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 31  
24           wherein said utility console includes a transceiver  
25           disposed therein, said transceiver operatively

- 1 associated with a corresponding peripheral device.
- 2 35. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 34
- 3 wherein said peripheral device includes a wireless
- 4 headset.
- 5 36. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 31
- 6 wherein said utility console includes a camera
- 7 assembly, a lens of said camera assembly exposed via
- 8 said front surface.
- 9 37. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 31
- 10 wherein said utility console is at least partially
- 11 removable.
- 12 38. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 37
- 13 wherein said utility console includes a storage
- 14 compartment.
- 15 39. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 31
- 16 wherein said universal mount base is structured to be
- 17 at least partially secured at the top surface of the
- 18 monitor.
- 19 40. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 39
- 20 wherein said universal mount base includes a
- 21 cantilever bracket structured to engage one of said
- 22 primary surfaces of a thin monitor so as help maintain
- 23 engagement therebetween.
- 24 41. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 31
- 25 further comprising an illumination assembly



operatively secured to at least one of said side panels.

42. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 31 further including at least one adjustably positionable page holder assembly, said page holder assembly including a holder panel and being structured and disposed to be moveable between a retracted position, wherein said holder panel extends along the side surface of the monitor, and an operative position, wherein said holder panel is operatively suspended generally adjacent the front surface of the monitor such that an article supportably disposed on said holder panel is easily viewable by a user viewing the front surface of the monitor.

43. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 31 further comprising a generally rigid top panel structured to be disposed in overlying relation atop the monitor.

44. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 43 further comprising an upper mount assembly structured and disposed to secure said top panel to said mount base, said upper mount assembly being further structured to overhang said top panel beyond the front surface of the monitor in order to selectively shade and screen a screen on the front surface of the

1 monitor from light and glare.

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